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OUR FORESTERS

Sadness lies deep in the hearts of Penn State students and friends because of the request made by Governor Pinchot to the Board of Trustees of the college that the work of the Forestry Department be transferred to Mont Alto. A breaking up of the campus family is threatened as the parents have been asked to send one of their children away to a foreign institution.

There is little wonder that the college is proud of its Forestry Department and that it mourns the threatened loss. Since the beginning of the course in 1906, a noteworthy growth in popularity has attended the work of the Department. The course of instruction has been so developed as to include, at the present time, a thorough instruction in the principles of the profession and a general training in Liberal Arts, Science, Agriculture and Engineering, thus, the Penn State Forestry graduate has acquired a modern education as it is conceived by the foremost educators of the day.

This training has not been gained without conscientious application on the part of both the student and the instructor. The student had previously chosen Penn State as furnishing the course he desires. The instructors, although underpaid, had the courage of their conviction that the Penn State course more nearly approached the ideal and that they were serving the Commonwealth to their best advantage in building up this course and in preparing men to the best of their ability. During the course, the forestry student is given ample opportunity in outdoor work, each vacation being spent in the woods of the state forests. Before graduation, a large project, including a working plan, must be completed in the south. This is practically the same work that is done in the Yale Forestry School and in those of other states. The ninety-four students in the course here at the college are enrolled in one of the four courses; Lumbering, Forestry, City Forestry, or Wood Utilization. Besides this, forestry is taught to students in the Agricultural School and to summer session students. The nature studies, as given by Professor Green, are marked by a large attendance from all schools.

The men in the course deserve no little consideration in review of the proposed change. Together with the acquisition of this practical and theoretical training, they are given the privilege of participation in the general life of a large institution. Proof that Penn State has graduated forestry students well equipped to solve technical and general problems is shown in the success that has attended their post-graduate work.

What a blow this proposed change will be to the forestry students already in college and those in the state who anticipate matriculation in such a course! Members of the three lower classes in the Forestry Department cannot continue their course, unless they resume study in some other school. These men must leave the state and enter a course in some other institution; Pennsylvania will have no such course. These men will be lost to the state as will those other prospective students in the Commonwealth who have not yet matriculated. Being averse to the limitations in the way of a broad education that the change would impose, they will be forced to seek instruction in some other state forestry school. The already low rank of the state in comparison with other states as regards Education will not be raised unless the proposal is altered, but rather it is probable that every interest in the state will feel the effects of such a radical step.

Governor Pinchot is moved by a praiseworthy motive in advocating a change. There is a duplication of expense and this is unnecessary. However, we suggest a more efficient way of accomplishing this end. Since it is shown by statistics that Penn State trains a forester at an average cost per student to the state per year at one hundred thirty dollars less than does Mont Alto, why not move Mont Alto to Penn State? Being the smaller school, this can be done more easily and a merger thus accomplished without such a revolutionary change as proposed. Granted that Mont Alto possesses peculiar advantages in outdoor work, why not let it be retained for that purpose only and let the students at Mont Alto be offered those far greater privileges obtainable at Penn State?

There seems to be sound judgment involved in the solution outlined above. There is wisdom in merging the two institutions in the interest of economy and efficiency. Penn State is well equipped to furnish the theoretical instruction required to a larger number than is Mont Alto. Penn State is by far the larger institution and bears a closer relationship to the state for it was created and maintained by the state. Mont Alto is possessed with excellent facilities for outdoor work and these could well be utilized for practical work as a part of a state university forestry course.

It is hoped that the trustees will consider all phases of the case carefully before making a decision which will mean so much at this critical time in the history of the institution. The Governor as a member of the Board of Trustees and as the Executive of the State, is asked to weigh carefully the two courses open to action and to recognize the wisdom which is contained in the mode of procedure which we suggest. Capitol Hill is entrusted with the future of Penn State and we ask that it fulfill that trust.

ARTHUR RUGH

Penn State has the honor to be a host this week-end to Mr. Arthur Rugh who comes to the campus for the purpose of holding a series of four meetings under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Following in the footsteps of Sherwood Eddy and J. Stitt Wilson, he will bring to the attention of the college students those matters which are of all importance.

"The Pennsylvania Dutchman," as Mr. Rugh sometimes calls himself, comes well recommended by the work he has accomplished. He spent the early part of his life on a farm in Clarion county, worked his

way through Wittenberg College where he was a member of the college glee club, President of the college Y. M. C. A., member of the varsity basketball and baseball teams, and a captain of the nine in his senior year. He then became affiliated with the "Y" movement and gradually increased the scope of his work until he became National Student Secretary for China.

Rugh comes to Penn State with a message so vital and important that the student cannot afford to miss one of these meetings. His delivery and presentation of subject matter is so interesting that the rapt attention of his audience is almost always insured. An opportunity such as this comes once during the college year and can be considered a worthy event. The sensation that he created at Silver Bay last summer influenced the local "Y" to invite him to Penn State.

A crowded Auditorium should greet the appearance of Mr. Rugh at all of the four meetings. The talks that he will deliver concern the college men of today and the issues involved cannot be dodged. This is evidenced by the fact that such meetings are being held on both coasts. Wilson is at Oregon and Rugh at Penn State. It remains for the student to take advantage of the experience and the advice which these world figures offer.

Campus Gossip

Puns are unforgivable, but it is a fact that you will Rugh it if you do not hear Arthur Rugh today. And you will thank us for this tip when you hear him.

We've all agreed. Munks are deprecating and there must have been a considerable slump if the number of below grades indicates anything.

Our idea of one of the fifty most pitiable cases in college is the senior who flunked chapel and will now attend four times a week until he graduates.

And the most pitiful case in our estimation is the freshman who flunked his first semester of chapel and has seven more to go.

It is our firm belief that two hour examinations are entirely too long. A man can show his ignorance in less time than that.

If we had been above grade during the semester, we would have passed most of our subjects, if we had passed the exams.

With the advent of the new semester we had hoped to see last season's semester shirts disappear with the laundries, but they still seem to be among those present.

We believe in the rechristening of '10 semester shirt passing through two seasons of constant wear to the all-college shirt.

If a shirt exists two semesters without seeing a laundry, the odds are against it ever visiting one.

We shall allow you to express your own opinion on the prof who holds the class the allotted time; for the first meeting of the semester.

Of course, the All-American is too good for him.

Our idea of making money consists in owning a book store during the opening days of the semester.

There are always bound to be the job artists who bewail the high price of college textbooks, but we agree with the weepers this year.

Penn Statesmen

Burke M. Hermann '10
Who is Burke M. Hermann? Prefix the word "Dutch" to his name and any Penn State student will recognize him as the "daddy" of the freshman football team and one of the leaders in the development of basketball at Penn State for a number of years, "Dutch" has been devoting most of his time during the fall to the freshman football squad with the hope of sometime producing a team that will humble the "Sophomores" in the annual class scrap.

During the winter it has been his custom as coach of the basketball team to keep Penn State in the running with the leaders of that sport. First and foremost, "Dutch" is a Penn State man. In the fall of 1906 he entered this college and during his four years as an undergraduate, took a prominent part in athletics. For three years he was varsity substitute at quarterback, that position being filled by the late L. F. Vorhis, one of the greatest of the many quarterbacks developed at this college. As a forward he starred for four years on the varsity basketball team and in his last year lead his team as captain.

At the end of his undergraduate career Hermann took the position of varsity basketball coach for several years. Then came a period of four years during which several men tried their hand at developing basketball at Penn State, until "Dutch" returned to State College in 1916. During the war he enlisted in the army, but on his return he once more took up his work and since that time he has turned out winning basketball and freshman football teams with regularity.

Mr. Hermann is a member of the Beta, Theta Pi, fraternities, Druids, and Phi Kappa Phi.

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The Letter Box

Penn State Lodge, Canton Christian College, Canton, China December 16, 1922. Dear Mr. Olmstead:

The health fire is burning in the Penn State Lodge this afternoon. We are in the tropics but let the wind blow, the winter days and the sky become clouded and one appreciates the warmth of an open fire fully as much as one does at home on a cold, snowy winter's night. The Chinese put on more clothing, if they have it, until the little children look like fat, stuffed dolls, about as broad as long. Even we look thin from the western hills.

We do not know how to get to the United States, but we shall go to the United States, but we shall go to the United States, but we shall go to the United States.

These topics were emphasized by the fact that eighty-two percent of the farms of Pennsylvania have a share in the 88,815 cows in the state, making this commonwealth the seventh in the Union in number of dairy cattle.

DAIRY INSTRUCTOR IS TAKEN SERIOUSLY ILL
W. H. Martin, Assistant Professor in Dairy Husbandry, was taken seriously ill while assisting with the market milk contest at the recent Harrisburg show.

PROF. FITTS SPEAKS AT FARM PRODUCTS SHOW
Professor D. B. Fitts of the dairy husbandry extension department addressed a large group of farmers at the Farm Products Show at Harrisburg last week on the increasing efficiency of the dairy herd.

POOR INSULATORS DELAY WORK ON RADIO STATION
Work on the new radio station has been held up considerably due to faulty insulators. G. L. Crossley '24 and his assistants had hoped to have it in working order very soon, but while experimenting with the new crystal insulators, in preparing to install them, the complete set of insulators was burnt out.

"PREXY" AND DEAN HOLBROOK ATTEND ENGINEERS MEETING
President Thomas was toastmaster at the annual meeting and banquet of the Society of Engineers of North Eastern, Pennsylvania, held at the Hotel Casey, Scranton, on Tuesday evening.

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THOUGHTS OF OTHERS

COLLEGE INFLUENCE (By a State Student)

Thomas A. Edison recalls "college men" as one of his hobbies while William Jennings Bryan deals the theory of evolution one blow after another. Bryan denounces scientists from the chautauqua platform among other places while the press broadcasts most of the remarks Mr. Edison has to make.

Speaking before a group of undergraduates at Princeton recently Edison said that the reason he disapproves of college men is that they object to work, especially if that work is dirty.

Both Edison and Bryan are great men, no doubt much greater than the majority of present day "college men" will ever be. The fact that they are great gives them an audience with the public, but it has failed to convince that public. People pretty generally realize that while Bryan is sincere he is not fully informed on the subject he is discussing and they realize that while Edison has a chance to observe college men in his employ he is talking about a minority rather than the majority of graduates.

The fact that the great majority of college men make good is better evidence than a statement that even Mr. Edison may make. Perhaps if Edison could sit behind a desk in the Y. M. C. A. and fill all the available jobs with student applicants and then turn away as many more each afternoon, he would understand why his attacks on "college men" like that he made at Princeton perturb them about as much as Bryan's thrusts at science bother scientists.

THE TIME IS NOW (Carnegie Tartan)
It is often said that Americans are time-worshippers, it is true to a limited extent, for we are always trying to devise new methods to save time, but we are always saving one hand and losing the other. Procrastination is the modern thief of time, how often do we hear the statement, "I haven't time now." If a thing is not done now the chances are ten to one that it will never be done, to put a job off means that there is only a slight possibility of its execution and usually the time taken from the present and appropriated to the future is lost, wasted, gone forever. The person who has learned to save time, indeed thrives, he has learned the value of the greatest element of human endeavor. Time just is gone, time wasted today can not be made up tomorrow, because tomorrow brings new duties and obligations. A college man who has not learned the preciousness of time is doomed to the mediocre class.

ARE COLLEGS INDIFFERENT? (Cornell Daily Sun)
That the liquor problem is fast coming under regulation in American colleges and universities, affords an interesting sidelight on the relation that such institutions bear with the outside world. Measures are being taken in any number of schools to prevent excessive drinking by students and by imposing stiff penalties for drunkenness, bootlegging, or other violations of the national law.

Only recently, the Lafayette student council passed resolutions, frowning upon excesses among undergraduates and making public offenders amenable to call before that body. Westagan has gone even farther, laying down a parole penalty for the first offense, and making a second offense a cause for expulsion, with a committee of undergraduates to decide each case.

One outstanding fact has characterized these steps, that in the most part they have come from students, and that students are effectively taking it upon themselves to see that the rules are enforced. It serves to indicate that the American undergraduate is not as indifferent to the enforcement of law and order as is often supposed.

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The work on the inside of the station has been nearly completed, and as soon as the broken parts can be replaced the new apparatus will be put in operation.

The new code has been tried out at the old station and official reports are that messages have been received from England, France and Switzerland. Last week messages were received from a boat in the English Channel. Besides this, four stations in the Hawaiian Islands have been heard. Each week distance records have been broken on with the old station set, and those concerned are anxiously awaiting the time when the new station will be put in operation.

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